

Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach

*****Public Comment Invited*****

PROPOSAL TO CLEAN UP LANDFILL WASTES AND CONTAMINATED SOIL

The Navy invites you to review and comment on a proposal to clean up landfill wastes and contaminated soil at the Naval Weapons Station (NAVWPNSTA) in Seal Beach, California. The comment period runs from November 20, 2003 through December 22, 2003. In addition, the Navy is holding a public meeting on December 9 to discuss the project and take oral comments (see details below). The cleanup proposal, called a draft Action Memorandum/Remedial Action Plan (AM/RAP), consists of repairing the existing landfill soil cover; removing surface debris; excavating landfill waste and lead-contaminated soil and taking it offsite for disposal; and monitoring the groundwater near the landfill. The cleanup would also include two small areas next to the landfill where the soil has been contaminated with lead.

The Station Landfill, called Site 7, is a 33-acre site near the southern boundary of the NAVWPNSTA Seal Beach on the eastern boundary of the Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge. A portion of Site 7 is within the Refuge. All types of wastes generated at the station may have been disposed of at the landfill from 1957 to 1973. The small areas of contaminated soil near Site 7 are on the unpaved shoulder next to Perimeter Road. The Navy is proposing this cleanup to protect the wildlife in the Refuge from possible exposure to the landfill waste or to the lead in the soil.

Also out for public review and comment is a draft Negative Declaration, prepared by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). The draft Negative Declaration is DTSC's finding that the cleanup actions (the digging, hauling, etc.) would not have a significant negative impact on the environment.

The draft AM/RAP and draft Negative Declaration, along with other reports related to this project, are available at the Seal Beach Public Library, Mary Wilson Branch, 707 Electric Avenue, Seal Beach. They are also at DTSC's office at 5796 Corporate Avenue in Cypress. Please call Ester Deguzman, File Room Coordinator, at (714) 484-5336 to make an appointment. In addition, the draft Negative Declaration is on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/OMF/Seal_Beach/index.html.

HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

Written comments on the draft AM/RAP must be postmarked or emailed by December 22, 2003, and sent to Ms. Pei-Fen Tamashiro, NAVWPNSTA Seal Beach, 800 Seal Beach Blvd., Seal Beach, CA 90740, email: pei-fen.tamashiro@navy.mil. Comments on the draft Negative Declaration must be postmarked

or emailed by December 22, 2003 and sent to Ms. Katherine Leibel, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, email: kleibel@dtsc.ca.gov

PUBLIC MEETING

7 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2003
Seal Beach City Council Chambers
211 8th Street, Seal Beach, CA, 90740

The meeting is an opportunity for the public to hear more about the project, and to give oral and written comments in person.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Ms. Pei-Fen Tamashiro at (562) 626-7897, email pei-fen.tamashiro@navy.mil; or Ms. Katherine Leibel, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5446, email kleibel@dtsc.ca.gov.

NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Ms. Katherine Leibel at (714) 484-5446.